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YANKS HURL BACK REDS AND RETAKE HAMAN

East Reich Reds Rock Party With Top-Level Purge

Gerhard Eisler Aide Among Those Caught In 'U. S. Spy' Net

BERLIN, Sept. 1.—East Germany's Communist rulers rocked their party and government today with a startling purge of highly placed officials.

Six party members, including a former Politburo member were thrown out of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party, the official party newspaper Neues Deutschland announced.

Four more were ejected from jobs in the Russian-backed East German government.

More expulsions were predicted. The party newspaper gave two reasons for the purge—associating with "American spies" and exhibiting anti-Russian feelings.

Those ejected from the party were:

Paul Merker, state secretary in the Agriculture Ministry and Politburo member until the reorganization of the Socialist Unity Party in July.

Leo Bauer, chief editor of Radio Berlin.

Bruno Goldammer, deputy to Propaganda Chief Gerhard Eisler; Willi Kreikemeyer, general director of the Soviet Zone railway system.

Lex Endie, former chief editor of Neues Deutschland and later editor of the Communist Friend-Post.

Maria Weiterer, an unidentified party member.

Without party status, none of them can hope to retain their state jobs. Bauer is known to have been thrown out of the radio station already. Goldammer has not been seen in Eisler's office recently.

The purge action, Neues Deutschland said, was taken by the party Politburo at the direction of Party Secretary General Walter Ulbricht, named to that post five weeks ago. The same party post in Russia, provided Joseph Stalin with his springboard to power.

Neues Deutschland admitted the German Communist Party's ranks are corroded with members who no longer can obey Russian dictates without question. This is the worst sin that can be charged against a Communist.

Deprived of their government jobs but still retained as party members were Wolfgang Langhoff, manager of East Berlin's Deutsches Theater, and Bruno Fuhrmann, Hans Teubner and Walter Belling, all of whom held minor state positions.

10 Charged as Spies.

The general charge of espionage was leveled at all 10 purges. In addition they were accused of lacking confidence in the Soviet Union.

Neues Deutschland said there was evidence they had been in touch with the American Office of Strategic Services during the war. They were also said to have associated with Noel H. Field, former American State Department employee who disappeared mysteriously behind the iron curtain in May, 1949.

The Communists said recently that Mr. Field was an American spy but did not disclose what had happened to him.

The purge has "great historical significance," Neues Deutschland asserted.

"It is no exaggeration to say that it marks the beginning of a new stage in the history of our party," the paper declared.

Probe Continues.

Neues Deutschland said that inquiry into the purge's contacts with Mr. Field was continuing. It added:

"It must be assumed this will contribute to further clearing and cleaning of the party of enemy agents and hampering elements."

Most of those named were refugees from Hitler's Reich. As fighters against fascism they supplied Allied agents in Switzerland with information and help during the war. The party organ indicated they had retained Western ideas repugnant to the Communists.

Merker and Goldammer had been pro-Communist for more than 20 years. The latter was wounded by the Nazis during a half dozen concentration camps until he escaped last dead and hid in Northern Italy on the Swiss border. Veteran correspondents who had known him well were surprised at the charge of disloyalty to the party.

Bulletin

Held in Traffic Death

A coroner's jury today found Charles Snoddy, 36, colored, driver of a concrete mixer truck, responsible for the traffic death yesterday of Mrs. Mary Gentile, 63, of 1217 Varnum street N.E. The jury ordered him held for grand jury action.

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Pentagon and Far East Air Force Disagree on Chinese Strafing

Tokyo Spokesman Insists U. S. Planes Didn't Hit Field

By the Associated Press

Air Force headquarters and the United States Far East Air Force disagreed today over whether an American fighter plane might have strafed a Chinese Communist airfield in Manchuria.

Headquarters at the Pentagon said it was possible. The Far East Air Force in Tokyo said flatly no American planes had crossed the Manchurian border.

The disagreement stemmed from the statement by Warren R. Austin, American delegate to the United Nations, that an F-51 Mustang of the 67th Fighter-Bomber Squadron may accidentally have shot up an airfield five miles inside Manchuria.

At Tokyo, a Far East Air Force spokesman said no American

(See PLANE, Page A-4.)

Jebb Succeeds Malik In Presidency of Security Council

By the Associated Press

LAKE SUCCESS, Sept. 1.—Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb takes over as president of the United Nations Security Council today, determined to end Russian Jacob A. Malik's month-long stalemate of pending Council moves to localize the Korean war.

A spokesman quoted Jebb as saying:

"We shall turn the calendar back to July 31. We shall pretend that Malik has never been president and get on with our work."

At the Council meeting this afternoon, Sir Gladwyn reportedly planned as the first order of business the seating of a representative

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U. S. Planning Bigger Ground Force in Europe

Increase Dependent On Treaty Nations Meeting Obligations

By John A. Giles

The overall plan for strengthening North Atlantic defenses to meet the threat of Communist aggression includes a substantial increase in the size of American ground forces stationed in Europe, it was learned today.

But that increase is dependent on North Atlantic pact nations meeting their full obligations under the new program. It is not planned that the increase will go into effect until after the Korean war is won.

The overall plan—detailing how much and what each of the 12 treaty nations will contribute to North Atlantic defenses—has been drawn up. It will be considered at meetings of the treaty Military Committee October 12 and of the defense ministers October 16. Both meetings will take place in Washington.

One Division in Europe.

At present one American division and some lesser ground elements are stationed in Europe. Virtually all members of the North Atlantic Treaty organization have repeatedly asked that this country strengthen its forces there.

The overall defense plan is tied in closely with the arms aid program. A total of \$5,220,000,000 has been requested for the program this fiscal year—\$4 billion in a supplemental request forwarded to Congress by President Truman after the Korean outbreak.

In that connection, it also was learned that defense officials now have moved up the Korean timetable and no longer feel that it will take until next March to drive the North Korean Communists out of South Korea. Defense Secretary Johnson told a House subcommittee last July 25 that "the Korean situation, I hope, is a six to eight months' proposition" and that the rearmament program would run for the next two or three years.

Sufficient Force Awaited.

However, there is no plan to launch a counter-offensive in Korea until sufficient men and weapons are on hand to make a speedy job of it, barring unforeseen circumstances. It is planned to pour men and supplies onto the peninsula to make certain, as far as is humanly possible, that the counter-offensive, once launched, does not bog down.

Also tied in with the North Atlantic Treaty meetings next month is the Defense Department's considerations of its request for a second supplemental appropriation, which will not be ready for several weeks.

That second request is expected to total less than \$5 billion. The Army is expected to receive a large share of this amount. The largest single item in the Army's request will be some \$500 million for tank procurement.

Estimates Prepared.

At present the Army, Navy and Air Force are preparing their estimates of needs under the second supplemental request and it will be about two weeks before it is taken up by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The House Armed Services Committee has been critical of the Army's tank procurement program but officials maintain

(See ATLANTIC DEFENSE, A-5.)



Truman Requests \$23 Million For Schools in Federal Areas

Fund Would Aid Sections Burdened By Enrollment Due to U. S. Activities

President Truman today asked Congress for \$23,347,000 to finance the education of children "who reside on tax-exempt Federal property and in local areas which are overburdened by a sudden and substantial increase in enrollment due to Federal activities."

The President explained that some of them had been provided for previously under separate authorizations administered by other agencies.

The President's request concerns H. R. 7940, providing for maintenance and operation of schools in the areas overburdened by Federal installations. This measure has been passed by the House and reported favorably by the Senate

(See SCHOOLS, Page A-4.)

Capt. Flaherty Plans To Quit Force Soon, Superintendent Says

Poor Health Given As Reason; 7 Police Heads Are Promoted

Police Supt. Robert J. Barrett revealed today that Capt. Jeremiah Flaherty, chief of the homicide squad, plans to retire soon.

The disclosure occurred as Maj. Barrett was congratulating seven newly-promoted policemen at oath-taking ceremonies.

Capt. Flaherty, 57, and head of the homicide squad since July 16, 1941, had been offered the post of assistant chief of detectives but the offer was declined because Capt. Flaherty is not in good health, Maj. Barrett said.

Capt. Flaherty has compiled an enviable record in hunting down murderers. He was appointed to the force in 1922 and joined the homicide squad in 1932. He was given a temporary rank of captain in February, 1949, and a permanent rating last July.

80 Sworn In.

Today's ceremonies at the crowded police headquarters lineup room began with the swearing in of 80 rookies. New oaths were taken by the seven receiving promotions, Inspectors Robert S. Bryant and Robert V. Murray, Capt. Edgar E. Scott and Otto P. Fuss, Detective Sgt. John J. Fitzpatrick, Precinct Detective William Rasmussen and Probationary Detective Seymour Rayboy.

Inspector Bryant replaces the

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Capt. Jeremiah Flaherty

—Star Staff Photo.

Employment Reaches New High; 62,637,000 At Work in August

1,153,000 Newly Hired Last Week; Jobless At Low Since Early '49

By the Associated Press

Employment jumped 1,153,000 in August to reach a new record high of 62,637,000, Secretary of Commerce Sawyer said today.

It was the first time the 62 million mark had been crossed. The August total for those with jobs was 752,000 above the pre-war record—61,615,000 in July, 1948.

Trend Seen Continuing.

Secretary Sawyer commented: "The economy was gradually moving toward full employment before the Korean crisis. With increasing defense preparations, it may be expected that this trend will continue at an accelerated pace."

Factory hiring was chiefly responsible for the upswing in jobs. This sent the number of persons in non-farming work to an unprecedented 54,207,000 last month.

The August gain of 1,433,000 in non-farm jobs was in contrast to a 280,000 decline in farm workers. Here the total dropped to 8,160,000 in August—in line with a long downturn in farm jobs.

Unemployment Now 2.5 Million.

Unemployment, a bugaboo just a year ago, dropped 713,000 last month to 2.5 million, the lowest since the start of 1949.

Unemployment would have gone even lower except for the fact that another 440,000 persons became job seekers during August.

The figures, compiled by the census bureau, were the first measure of the labor force since the United States became involved in the Korean fighting.

The needs of defense industries on top of an already high level of employment has turned officials' concern from the 1949 problem of unemployment to a worry over where to get all the workers that will be needed.

The census bureau report showed only 44,718,000 Americans above 14 years old were neither working nor seeking jobs during August. Most of these, however, are housewives—many of them mothers—who cannot be counted upon in great numbers for factory jobs.

Heads Advisory Group.

Mr. Larson, who will have charge of planning details of the removal program expected to affect 40,000 Federal workers, heads an advisory group of 14 Federal officials appointed by the President to assist him.

Mr. Truman is known to be seeking early action on the plan and to have included it possible in the deficiency appropriation bill now before the Senate appropriations group.

The President defended the proposal at his press conference yesterday. When informed by a reporter that some members of the House believed the dispersal

(See DECENTRALIZATION, A-4.)

GIs Fight Grimly in Retreat; Red Torches Aid River Crossing

By Bem Price

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH UNITED STATES 2d DIVISION, KOREA, Sept. 1.—Young Americans pulled back from Yongsan late today after a bitter, fighting retreat before a powerful tank-led Red drive across the Nakdong River.

These men, on the left flank of the 2d Division, had retreated about 8½ miles since the North Koreans launched their broad assault before last midnight.

The Reds crossed the Nakdong River in at least 17 places. I was with one of the last groups to pull out of Yongsan into the hills. The men were fagged, but not beaten. They appeared to be in good spirits.

In the hills behind Yongsan, 2d

Division men were digging in to hold the Red thrust aimed at cutting off the main highway between the supply port of Pusan and the Taegu communications center. The Red thrust was aimed at cutting this vital supply route for the entire northern front at Miryang, 12 miles east of Yongsan.

This drive is smashing a wedge between the 2d and 25th Divisions along the eastward bend of the Nakdong River.

I left Yongsan burning. A munitions dump was exploding just beyond the front.

GIs knocked out two of the tanks the Reds put across the Nakdong on underwater bridges. One American tank was also lost. The American retreat was ordered.

(See RETREAT, Page A-7.)

Give Up Yongsan In Foe's Drive Of 8.5 Miles

17 Enemy Crossings Of Nakdong Reported; Invader Toll Heavy

By Reiman Morin

Associated Press Foreign Correspondent

TOKYO (Saturday), Sept. 2.—North Korean Reds renewed their hammering assault on the southern ends of the flaming Western front last night after punching an 8½-mile dent in American lines.

But swiftly moving American tanks and infantrymen recaptured flaming Haman yesterday in a slashing counterattack that temporarily blunted the Reds' massive assault on the southwestern anchor of the United Nations beachhead in Korea.

The Communists hurled a two-division attack at Haman Thursday night, and for a time threatened to crack the American line. But the United States 25th Division reacted swiftly, lashed

back and broke the momentum of the Red assault.

Behind strong air and artillery support, American tanks and troops rolled into Haman and regained ridges west of the city, 3½ miles west of the vital Allied supply port of Pusan, on the south-east Korean coast.

A mass Allied air attack of almost saturation proportions had slowed the initial Red drive on the southern flank. Air observers said the planes and American big guns took a huge toll of North Koreans.

New Drive Seen Possible.

An American officer at the front said the Communists were making their big effort—"and I think it is their last one."

However, an intelligence officer at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said a second major Red offensive—against another section of the beachhead—was still possible. He added that the largest mass of enemy infantry still is presumed to be in the Waegwan area, northwest of Taegu.

The Tokyo headquarters summary issued shortly after midnight said Allied forces were "poised for an all-out fight" to restore positions four miles east of the Nakdong-Nam river junction. This summary evidently was well behind field dispatches, however, as it had the Reds still holding Haman, which Americans have recaptured.

55-Mile Line Aflame.

The powerful Red onslaught had set the front aflame on a 55-mile stretch from a point on the Nakdong river west of Taegu southward to the sea.

The newest strike on the roaring front was a Red thrust against the extreme southwest flank of

(See KOREA, Page A-3.)

Man Dies of Burns

Melvin C. Berry, 35, colored, 230 W street N.E., died today at Casualty Hospital from burns suffered when a blowtorch exploded July 19 as he and a brother were removing paint from a porch.

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President Requests \$6 Million to Expand FBI for War Duties

Seeks 835 New Agents And Hiring of 1,218 Clerical Employees

(Picture on Page A-5.)

President Truman asked Congress today for \$6 million to expand the FBI to meet the needs of the Korean war.

The money will be used to add 835 new agents and 1,218 more clerical employees to the agency, an FBI spokesman said. This will give the FBI a total of about 5,000 agents, and 12,000 employees in all.

The President also asked for these other amounts:

To add 17 new men to the Park Police force here, \$40,000. This is in connection with the planned change this fall to a five-day work week. Funds for another 16 new policemen are being sought through the District government.

The additions will increase the force to a total of 197. To complete three unfinished panels in the interior frieze of the Capitol rotunda, \$20,000. Begun in 1877 by the Italian artist, Constantino Brumidi, this frieze containing fresco paintings of events in American history was left unfinished because the artist died before completing the designs. No artist has been selected for the task.

To provide for increased travel expenses of members of the Fine Arts Commission, \$4,500. Several new members of the commission live far from the District and their transportation must be paid by the Government when they come here for meetings, a spokesman explained.

Rhee Will Conscript Koreans for Service

By the Associated Press

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA, Sept. 1.—President Syngman Rhee announced today that South Koreans would be conscripted for military service.

The President of the South Korean Republic said he was promulgating a conscription law adopted 10 months ago by the National Assembly.

Last week he had said his Government would not draft men. In a brief statement today he explained conscription was needed because of the "importance and urgency of helping United Nations forces fighting in Korea."

Administration leaders plan to bring the conscription measure before the Senate later in the day. They hope to have it on the way

(See CONTROLS, Page A-7.)

Compromise Measure On Economic Controls Accepted by House

Vote Follows Flurry Of Opposition to Plan For Wage-Price Curbs

By Cecil Holland

The House today adopted by a voice vote a compromise home front mobilization bill, giving President Truman broad and discretionary authority over the Nation's economy.

Senate action on the measure is expected later in the day.

The House vote came after a brief flurry of opposition to granting the President authority to impose wage and price controls. The opposition contended such authority, if exercised, would dislocate the country's economy.

The House defeated on a vote of 155 to 20 a motion by Representative Cole, Republican, of Kansas, to recommit the bill to a conference committee for further study.

Protest Selective Controls.

Mr. Cole and Representative Rankin, Democrat, of Mississippi took the lead in protesting that provisions for selective controls were written into the compromise bill after both the House and Senate had voted earlier against them. Mr. Rankin sought to bring a point of order against that feature of the bill but was overruled.

The provision was strongly defended by Representative Spence, Democrat, of Kentucky, and Representative Wolcott, Republican of Michigan, who were members of the conference committee that worked out a compromise on separate control measures passed by the Senate and House. Representative Kunkel, Republican of Pennsylvania, was the only House member on the conference committee who failed to sign the report.

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(See CONTROLS, Page A-7.)

Truman Talk on Air

All four Washington television stations will broadcast President Truman's speech starting at 10 o'clock tonight. Radio Stations WMAL, WRC, WTOP, WEAM and WQQW will carry it at the same hour, and Stations WWDC and WASH-FM will carry it at the conclusion of the Washington-New York baseball game.

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